

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: ADA Path from Lower Parking Lot to Washington Street

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Construct a route of travel at Columbia State Historic Park between the lower parking lot restroom and Washington Street that meets Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The 350' route of travel will include the excavation in non-cut slope areas of approximately 3"-4" deep with a path width of 48". The cut slope bank area will require the construction of a 3/4-bench path bed with a width of 36" and depth of up to 18". The surface material will be 3.5"-4" of compacted Class II aggregate base with a slight center crown and will be colored and textured to match surrounding dirt. Access connections to the existing comfort station will occur at the north ends of each of the walkways from the east and west sides. The easterly comfort station connection will require the construction of 2-3 steps. Construction of the steps will be with 4" x 6" timbers for the risers and compacted aggregate for the treads. The existing 8'-10' gravel/vegetated path, which leads from the Fallon Hotel to parking area, will receive additional gravel and be compacted to provide a direct path for visitors not requiring a gentle grade route. No ground disturbance will take place within the dripline of mature trees or elderberry. All ground disturbance will be monitored by a DPR-qualified archaeologist.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1 Section: 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alteration of existing structures and features involving negligible expansion beyond current use and is included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4; and maintenance, repair, or rehabilitation of historical resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer, and is included as "activities affecting historic resources, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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